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SUBJECT: LABOR MP BRIBERY SCANDAL

REF: VALLETTA 1134

1. AT LUNCHEON JUNE 8 NATIONALIST DEPUTY MARIO FELICE TOLD US THAT ATTEMPT TO BRIBE GOZITAN DEPUTY ANGLU CAMILLERI WAS VERY NEARLY SECCESFUL, AND HE CLAIMED THAT ONLY OTHER LABOR MP XROM GOZO, CAUCHI, WAS ALSO ON VERGE DEFECTING UNDER SAME CIRCUMSTANCES. FELICE CLAIMS THAT POLICE ACTUALLY UNCOVERED PLOT, AND THAT TWO GOZITANS TRIED TO STOP MINTOFF FROM MAKING CASE PUBLIC, BUT MINTOFF INSISTED. FELICE SAYS THAT BUSINESSMAN ROGER CAMILLERI IS LONG- TIME LABOR SUPPORTER WHO GAVE TEN OR TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS TO MLP FOR LAST POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

2. FELICE SAYS HE HAS DONE HIS BEST TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY NATIONALIST DEPUTY MIGHT BE INVOLVED BUT HAS SO FAR COME UP WITH NOTHING. HE IS APPARENTLY STILL SLIGHTLY NERVOUS ON THIS SCORE, SAYING THAT HE " HOPED" THAT NOTHING WOULD TURN UP. ASKED WHETHER OTHER BUSINESSMEN MIGHT BE INVOLVED,
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FELICE SAID HE SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW BUT THOUGHT IT NOT OUT OF QUESTION THAT RONALD SAID AND ROGER CAMILLERI MIGHT HAVE HAD THAT MUCH CASH BETWEEN THEM.

3. COMMENT: FELICE'S STORY MAY, OF COURSE, BE COLORED BY HIS POLITICAL AFFILIATION. GETZ

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